Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know why that gentleman who applied with sufficient qualification was not appointed?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Probably there was no vacancy at the time; or there might have been others who had acted and who therefore had preferential claims.

Markets in the Quilon Division.

37. * **Mr. E. P. Varghese**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of new markets sanctioned in the Quilon Division during the years 1108 and 1109;

(*b*) the distance of these new markets from the existing markets; and

(*c*) the names of the licensees of the new markets and of the old markets and the places where these markets are conducted?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): *(*a*) to (*c*) A statement containing the necessary information is placed on the table.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether new markets have been allowed within half a mile distance from existing markets?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether the Pulavanjira market, in the Perinad pakuthi in the Quilon taluk, is not within half a mile from the Pereth market in the pakuthi?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No, so far as I know.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether the Poongode market is not within half a mile from another market?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No, so far as I know.

Gravelling of the poramboke highway to the west of the 7th mile, 2nd furlong, on the Alleppey Aroor road.

38. * **Mr. E. P. Verghese**: Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken to gravel the poramboke highway to the west of the 7th mile, 2nd furlong, on the Alleppey—Aroor road?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It is presumed that the member refers to the road proposed to be constructed from 8/2 Alleppey—Shertallai road to Mararikulam beach. Government sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs. 29,000/ for this work in November 1934. But as this estimate requires revision, a revised estimate is being prepared.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: How long will it take to finish that road?

* *Vide* Appendix II—Pages 145 to 149.

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It depends on when we get funds. We have, at present, Rs. 1,000 allotted for that work, while the estimate is for Rs. 29,000.

Expenditure on salaries etc, during the last three years.

39. ✻ **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing the total amount of money spent during the last three years under the following heads:

(*a*) Salaries;
(*b*) Travelling Allowances;
(*c*) Stationery and Printing; and
(*d*) Contingencies and other allowances?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). The total amounts, spent by Government on salaries, Travelling Allowance and Stationery and Printing during the year 1107 to 1109 are as below:—

	Salaries.	Travelling Allowance.	Stationery and Printing.
1107 .	91,16,248	4,27,449	3,36,583
1108 .	91,37,390	4,08,393	2,94,634
1109 .	92,98,084	4,58,911	2,60,744

(*d*) It is not possible to furnish the information as it is not clear what is meant by other allowances.

Lands available for cardamom cultivation.

40. ✻ **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the extent of cardamom lands available for cultivation in Devicolam Division;

(*b*) the extent of lands encroached upon;

(*c*) whether these encroachments were made before 1096;

(*d*) whether the Forest or Revenue Authorities have taken up any cases against those who are in possession;

(*e*) the extent of land which may be made available for cardamom cultivation;

(*f*) whether those lands are surveyed and demarcated; and

(*g*) the extent of land now ordered to be registered in favour of encroachers and whether those lands are surveyed and demarcated?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) The actual extent of land available for cardamom cultivation cannot be given definitely as the areas in question are comprised in vast unsurveyed minor circuits. It is probable that there would be about 50,000 acres in the Cardamom Hills Reserve and 55,000 acres outside that Reserve;

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